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Navy Surgeon General Honors Dental Corps' 101st Birthday

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On behalf of Navy Medicine, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in celebration of their 101st anniversary. For more than a century, Navy dentists have demonstrated tireless dedication to our tenants with valor and sacrifice in service to our country.

From your charge on Aug. 22, 1912 by President William Howard Taft and the 62nd Congress, they established this corps to have capabilities in all areas of dentistry, to be of good moral character and of unquestionable professional ability. In peacetime

and in war, you have continually rallied to the causes of dental readiness and dental health for those entrusted to your care.

Navy dentists have demonstrated their accomplishments and heroism on the battlefield and beyond the home front. You deploy routinely across our fleet and with Marine expeditionary units, where beyond your dental duties, you assume roles in triage and surgical support at Marine battalion aid stations and battle dressing stations. You play a significant role in peace keeping and nation building through humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions that make lasting impressions on thousands of people in need of dental care.

You serve as leaders in disease prevention at sea and at home, ensuring the operational dental readiness of our warfighters. You are pioneers and innovators enhancing our research capabilities and education efforts along with spearheading vital public and dental health for Sailors, Marines, their families, and our veterans.

I have every confidence the Navy Dental Corps will continue to excel during their next century of service.

It is my great pleasure to extend to all members of the Dental Corps, past and present, active duty and Reserve, a heartfelt “well done” and a most sincere “happy birthday!”

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